

# Paula Montano

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Current Position

**PhD Researcher** *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** 09/2021 - present

- Dissertation: Assessing Strategic Political Communication in the Council of the European Union during Crises.
- Supervision: Assoc.-Prof. James P. Cross, School of Politics and International Relations

**Research Assistant** *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** 01/2022 - present

Projects: Irish Polling Indicator Project & Irish Politics Data with Dr. Stefan Müller

- Collect demographic data on Irish public opinion to estimate support for parties in Ireland, sources: *Sunday Times*, *Behaviour & Attitudes* and *RedC polls*.
- Collect the most important issues in Ireland, source: *Ireland Thinks Polls* (Kevin Cunningham).
- Pre-process party manifestos in Ireland for Local and European Parliament elections and combine them into a text corpus. (Michael Pidgeon shared a subset of manifestos: <https://pidgeon.ie/>)

## Education

**MSc International Development** *University College Dublin* 2019-2020

Dissertation: How economic satisfaction modifies the effect of levels of education on attitudes towards integration.

- Relevant Courses: Intro to Statistics, Data Visualization in R & Research Methods in Political Science

**BA International Business and Foreign Affairs** *Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador* 2011-2016

Dissertation: The Role of Ecuador in the South-American Integration: UNASUR case.

- Relevant Courses: Mathematics, Political Science Theory, Finance, Accounting I and II.

## Work in Progress

Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (*with James P. Cross and Yen-Chieh Liao*).

Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics Motivators in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis (*Paula Montano*).

Strategic Crisis Jargon in the EU? Mapping Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (*Paula Montano*).

## Research Grants & Scholarships

Total Value of Grants: €81,320

**APSA Pol Com Travel Award, Political Communication Section APSA Conference** \$500 (€461) 06/2024

**Vera E. Troeger Scholarship for Women in Political Methodology.** £1,200 (€1,409) 05/2024

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

**Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD** €750 05/2024

**PEC Travel Grant Political Studies Association of Ireland** €800 10/2023

**Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD** €600 08/2023

**Fellowship for Women in Political Methodology** (*Full tuition cost and accommodation*) 07/2023

University of Basel

**Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD** €300 07/2022

**Iseult Honohan Doctoral Scholarship UCD** €77,000 09/2021- 07/2025

## Datasets & Code

**Irish Local and EP Election Manifestos** (*With Stefan Müller and Artur Baranov*) 2024

- Data: <https://github.com/stefan-mueller/iemanifestos>
- Dashboard: <https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/manifestoexplorer/>

<b>Irish Demographic Polling Datasets</b> <i>(With Stefan Müller and Thomas Pluck)</i>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Data:</i> <a href="https://github.com/Irish-Dem-Polling/datasets">https://github.com/Irish-Dem-Polling/datasets</a></li> <li>• <i>Dashboard:</i> <a href="https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/demographicpolling/">https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/demographicpolling/</a></li> </ul>	
<b>flaiR, R wrapper to access flaiR NLP library for R users</b> <i>(With Yen-Chieh Liao)</i>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>GitHub Repository:</i> <a href="https://davidycliao.github.io/flaiR/">https://davidycliao.github.io/flaiR/</a></li> </ul>	

## Conferences & Workshops

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<b>American Political Science Association</b>	09/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding in the EU? Elites crisis communication under the spotlight.</i></li> <li>• Location: Philadelphia, United States</li> </ul>	
<b>European Political Science Association</b>	07/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.</i></li> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.</i></li> <li>• Location: Cologne, Germany</li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Group in the EU Conference, ECPR</b>	06/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.</i></li> <li>• Location: Lisbon, Portugal</li> </ul>	
<b>COMPTExT</b>	05/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.</i></li> <li>• Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands</li> </ul>	
<b>Discourse in the Data PhD Workshop, Duitslaand Instituut Amsterdam</b>	04/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union</i></li> <li>• Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands</li> </ul>	
<b>Political Studies Association of Ireland</b>	2022, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featured paper: <i>Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.</i></li> <li>• Location: Dublin, Ireland</li> </ul>	
<b>PhD Workshop, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD</b>	2022, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working paper: <i>Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.</i></li> <li>• <i>PhD project research design.</i></li> <li>• Location: Dublin, Ireland</li> </ul>	

## Teaching Experience

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<b>University College Dublin – Undergraduate level (Head Tutor / Teaching Assistant)</b>	
<b>POL20050: Research Methods in Political Science</b>	Spring 2022/2023/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning the <i>DeclareDesign</i> package for experimental research in R.</li> <li>• Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning research methods for data analysis in R.</li> <li>• Conducted tutorials for learning research methods in STATA.</li> </ul>	
<b>POL20010: Individuals and the State: The idea of Freedom in the History of Political Thought</b>	Autumn 2024/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared guidelines for using generative AI tools for enhancing writing assignments. (with Dr. James P. Cross)</li> </ul>	
<b>INRL20160: Introduction to EU Politics</b>	Autumn 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted a lecture on 'Writing Skills and Peer Review Process'.</li> <li>• Review and provide feedback on blog posts on EU Politics.</li> </ul>	
<b>INRL10010: Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations</b>	Autumn 2021/2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared interactive and engaging tutorials for discussing political theory and international relations content.</li> </ul>	

## Academic Service

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<b>PhD Representative, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD</b>	07/2023 – present
<b>Co-organisier, COMPTExT Conference (Hosted by UCD)</b>	05/2022
<b>Committee Member Diversity &amp; Inclusion for Ad Astra Applicant Pool, UCD</b>	01/2022
<b>Conference Support, PSAI Conference (Hosted by UCD)</b>	10/2021

## Training & Summer Schools

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- Essex Summer School Social Science Data** *University of Essex* 08/2024
- *Course: Ideal Point Estimation, Item Response Theory, and Scaling Methods for Surveys and Behaviour.*
- Oxford LLMs A Workshop for Social Science Researchers** *University of Oxford* 09/2023
- *Courses: Fundamentals of Large Language Models, Model Interpretation and Debiasing, Recent Developments: Large Language Models and Alignment and coding sessions.*
- Summer School for Women in Political Methodology** *University of Basel* 07/2023
- *Courses: R packages and Functions, Advanced Graphics in R, Web-Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings, Images as Data.*
- Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis** *University of Essex* 07/2022
- *Course: Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis*

## Quantitative Skills

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- **Programming languages:** R (intermediate), Python (intermediate), Git, GitHub,  $\LaTeX$ (advanced)
- **Natural Language Processing:** Embeddings (GloVe, Text2Vec), Scaling Methods, Machine Learning, Large Language Models (LLMs)

## Languages

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Spanish (native) - English (CEFR: C1) - French (CEFR: B1) - German (CEFR: A2)

## Academic References

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